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DR. K. B. MENON.:—" Sir, are there a large number of applications for new lines pending? For what reasons are applications for new lines rejected, and what is the percentage of rejections?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Applications for new lines are usually rejected if the engineers say that the road is not fit to bear heavy traffic. As regards the percentage of rejections, I want notice."

SRI P. RANGA REDDI :—" Arising out of the answer of the Hon. Minister, may I ask, Sir, when a new route is opened as suggested by the Regional Transport Authority, is it the Central Road Traffic Board or the Transport Commissioner who should give approval?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" It is the Road Traffic Board. The decision of the Board is conveyed by the Transport Commissioner."

SRI B. K. NALLASWAMI :—" Are the Government aware, Sir, that the pre-war bus routes have not yet been opened in Bhavani taluk and in some other places?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Notice."

Industrial Housing Scheme.

* 107 Q.—SRI S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any scheme for constructing houses for industrial workers; and

(*b*) if so, the estimated cost of each construction and the monthly instalment payable by an industrial worker?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Though there is no industrial housing scheme of this Government, yet it is helping the implementation of the Industrial Housing Scheme of the Government of India in this State.

" (*b*) There is no specific limit laid down for the cost of each construction. The worker occupying the house has to pay 10 per cent of his wages subject to a limit of 2½ per cent of the capital cost of the house."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know Sir, in how many cases have the Government helped this scheme?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" In the year 1951, we were told that the Government of India were prepared to set apart a loan of Rs. 9 lakhs for this State to help people to put up industrial buildings. We have received applications from the Dalmia Cements, Lakshmi Mills, Koilpatti, Andhra Sugars, Tanuku, and the K.C.P., Vuyyuru. Out of these, the scheme of Dalmia Cements which comes to Rs. 6,25,000 for 100 houses at the rate of about Rs. 6,500 each, the scheme

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of Koilpatti which comes to Rs. 6 lakhs for 175 houses at the rate of Rs. 3,500 each and the scheme of Andhra Sugars, Tanuku (they have proposed three classes, namely, A, B and C) which comes to Rs. 2·8 lakhs have already received the approval of the Government. Plans and estimates are being got ready. As soon as they are approved, the work will be taken on hand. With regard to the application of the K.C.P., Vuyyuru, the estimate is for housing 210 persons in 45 blocks. The cost of it is Rs. 7 lakhs. The plans are not yet approved by the Government."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Has the Industrial Finance Corporation anything to do with this housing scheme? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" This is a financial scheme of the Government of India which they have asked us to sponsor. Either the State Government or some institution sponsored by them should be in charge of this work. This scheme relates to industrial concerns and so we are sponsoring it. The Industrial Finance Corporation has nothing to do with the Government of India's scheme." 11 a.m.

DR. T. S. SOUNDARAM RAMACHANDRAN :—" Can the Government limit their help to building houses only for the workers to begin with, fixing the maximum at Rs. 2,000 each, instead of giving grant for ' A ' class houses, etc. ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" There are two sets of schemes. For example, in the Andhra Sugars, Tanuku, there is a scheme of constructing 20 houses at the rate of one house for 2 workers costing Rs. 9,000. They have got separate houses for the superior staff. The schemes sponsored by the respective concerns are now before the Government of India. But if the House desires that the scheme should be revised, I shall place its views before the Government of India."

SRI T. N. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" Will the Government think of improving the housing of poor agricultural labourers in the villages by having some scheme or by organizing building co-operative societies? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am afraid the question of housing of agricultural labourers does not come under my portfolio. Nor does the question of organizing building co-operative societies lie within my jurisdiction. It must be addressed to my Hon. Colleague Sri Sanjeevayya. But I may inform my hon. Friend, if any special plans are laid before me, I shall certainly consider them."

SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH :—" Will the Madras State Government be pleased to avail themselves of the Central Government's help for the construction of quarters for workers in the Government Silk Filature, Kollegal? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As I said, this money is set apart either for Government concerns or for those which

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are sponsored by Government. Government, unfortunately, are not able to spend money because of financial difficulty. So, they are willing to encourage people who are prepared to spend money. The case put forward by my hon. Friend is quite different. It is actually a Government concern and if the Government apply, they will have to spend money out of their own coffers which, I am afraid, the Hon. the Finance Minister will not permit at this stage."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASAMI :—"May I know the names of industries in the State that have been asked to provide houses for their workers and the conditions under which loans are being given to those industrial concerns?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"No industry was asked to apply for this aid. We put in a notification in the papers that industrial concerns which are prepared to avail themselves of this opportunity might apply. So, we never asked them to apply. But some industrial concerns applied and we considered those cases."

DR. K. B. MENON :—"Have the Government any scheme of housing for estate labour?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"Notice, Sir."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—"Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to tell us the financial aid that the Government of India propose to give towards industrial housing, the advice that was given by the Central Government which was supposed to be followed by the State Government, and what financial aid is actually being given by the State Government for industrial housing?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"I would like the hon. Member to give notice of a separate question, because it involves policies."

SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI :—"When the Bombay State Government are up with their workers' housing scheme, are we to understand that the Madras State Government are lagging behind?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"I thank the hon. Member for the information given in the first half of the question. But the second half is a matter of policy."

SRI P. V. R. GAJAPATHI RAJU :—"What is the percentage of contribution that the private industrialist makes, and in what way do the Government propose to recover this money from him as and when a housing scheme is completed?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"The hon. Member may refer to the three institutions I have just mentioned."

SRI M. LAKSHMANASWAMY :—"In the case of the industrial housing scheme of K.C.P., Limited, may I know how much money was allotted to the staff and how much to ordinary workers?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"I want notice, Sir."

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SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" What categories of workers are considered to be included in the scheme for providing houses? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am afraid I should ask for notice, because I think it is for all workers."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The Hon Minister said, ' 20 houses for 9,000 '. I would like to know what exactly he means by it. Does he mean that 20 houses are provided for 9,000 workers or does he mean the cost to be Rs. 9,000? Secondly, may I ask him to tell us what is the total amount that is spent upon the housing of workers and what is the total cost of the scheme for the housing of the superior staff separately? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I want notice for the second half of the question. But with regard to the first half, what I said was that 20 houses are going to be built in the Andhra Sugars, Tanuku, and a block for two workers is going to cost Rs. 9,000. The original estimate was certainly more, but the Government of India in their plan deleted one veranda and brought down the cost. So, a block for two workers will cost Rs. 9,000, i.e., each worker will have a portion costing Rs. 4,500."

Number of cases instituted under the Madras City Police Act.

* 108 Q.—SRI B. LAKSHMINARASA RAJU : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Madras City Police Act has been extended to the mufassal and, if so, to what towns and for what reasons;

(b) the number of cases instituted under the Act in the several places to which it has been extended and the results of such cases; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the Superior Police Officers insist on certain minimum number of prosecutions being filed under the Act by their subordinate officers resulting in grave injustice to innocent public?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) The provisions of some or all of the sections of the Madras City Police Act, 1888, referred to in the Schedule to the Madras District Police Act, 1859, have been extended to a large number of towns in the mufassal, from time to time as and when it became necessary to apply those provisions for the enforcement of traffic regulations, the prevention of nuisances, to control criminals and unruly elements, etc. It will be impracticable to give the reasons for the extension separately for all such towns, but I have given the reasons generally speaking.

" (b) Provisions of the Madras City Police Act have been in force for a considerable time in a large number of places in the mufassal so that it will be altogether impracticable to furnish up-to-date particulars regarding the number of cases instituted under the Act in the mufassal and the results of all